

Americans throughout this country and throughout the United States. Please join me in support of H.R. 282.

Once again, I want to thank these two gentlemen for bringing this bill to the floor. This has been a long time coming, and as one who served 16 years in the State Assembly in New York, I take very seriously the fact that Mr. Garcia Rivera opened the doors for so many members of my community.

Mr. FATTAH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCHUGH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I commend the gentleman from New York [Mr. SERRANO] for his hard work on this bill to honor a gentleman who obviously is a very, very fitting recipient of this kind of honor. I urge all of my colleagues to join with the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH] and the gentleman from New York [Mr. SERRANO] and myself in supporting this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COBLE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 282.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 282, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

#### THE DAVID B. CHAMPAGNE POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2013) to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, RI, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building."

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2013

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, shall be known and designated as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building".

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office

building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH].

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, H.R. 2013 was sponsored by our colleague, the gentleman from Rhode Island [Mr. WEYGAND], and cosponsored by the Rhode Island House delegation, according to the policy rules of the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

The legislation designates the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, RI, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building." The bill recognizes the valiant efforts of David Champagne, a 19-year-old marine who lost his life in the Korean conflict.

Mr. Champagne was born in Wakefield, RI, and entered the military soon after completing high school. Corporal Champagne was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Eisenhower for his gallantry above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy.

Corporal Champagne skillfully led his first fire team through intense enemy machine gun and grenade fire in spite of a severe leg wound. An enemy grenade landed in the midst of the fire team, and Corporal Champagne hurled it in the direction of the enemy. His hand was blown off in this endeavor and he was hurtled out of the trench. He succumbed to his injuries, but not before he saved the lives of his fellow marines.

Madam Speaker, I urge our colleagues to support H.R. 2013, designating the facility of the U.S. Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, RI, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building". Additionally, Madam Speaker, the Congressional Budget Office has notified the committee that the legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would impose no costs on State, local, or tribal governments.

Madam Speaker, I think the recipients of these designations today have all been very, very worthy gentlemen, but I have to say in all candor that few displayed the sense of courage and sense of dedication and love of country as did the gentleman that we are seeking to honor here today. He is truly an epitome of the American spirit, and we all, as a Congress and as a Nation, are in his debt.

I want to commend the gentleman from Rhode Island [Mr. WEYGAND] and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH] for working together on their side to bring this bill to the floor to honor a very, very worthy American and very, very worthy individual.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, this is, as the gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] has stated, someone who has literally given his life through an act of courage to save his fellow comrades. For this young man, David Champagne, this is an honor that is obviously something that we would like to bestow, but it does not even begin to represent what should be the appreciation for his act of great courage.

I want to join with my colleague, the gentleman from Rhode Island [Mr. WEYGAND]. The gentleman from New York [Mr. MCHUGH] said that the cosponsor requirement had been met because the entire delegation from the State had signed on to this naming bill.

I want to join with fully 50 percent of the Rhode Island House delegation and support this piece of legislation. It is very worthy. This gentleman, Corporal Champagne, has been already awarded the Medal of Honor, but I think this is something that people in the community of Rhode Island will have as a living memory of his act of courage.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Rhode Island [Mr. WEYGAND].

Mr. WEYGAND. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Chairman MCHUGH and the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH], for allowing me to speak today on this very important naming of the post office in South Kingstown, Rhode Island.

I would also like to thank my colleagues, Senator REED and Senator CHAFEE, who have also cosponsored similar legislation, which has already passed the U.S. Senate, and as the ranking member, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FATTAH] has said, the entire Rhode Island delegation, which is a total of two people, the gentleman from Rhode Island [Mr. KENNEDY] and myself, we totally support this bill, and I want to thank the gentleman for helping us get this through the committee.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 2013, a bill to name the South Kingstown Post Office in Wakefield, RI, as the David B. Champagne Post Office Building. As mentioned by the chairman, David Champagne was born on November 11, 1932, Veterans Day. Not only is he a local hero in Rhode Island, but he is also a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.

Corporal Champagne of the U.S. Marine Corps led a life dedicated to serving his country, his community, and his family. Even as I walked through his elementary school just yesterday, people said how proud they would be to have the post office dedicated in his memory. The South Kingstown High School graduate, the Wakefield Elementary School graduate, received the